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(Date)

From: Collector of Customs, Baltimore, Md.
 To: Commander, Norfolk District, U.S.C.G.
 Subject: Armed Merchant Vessels of Belligerents
 Reference: (a) Department letter, 3 September, 1939, to Collectors of
 Customs, "Strictly Confidential."
 (b) Your letter _____

1. The Dutch S/S MANOERAN was inspected this
 date and the following armament was found on board:

MAGNETIC BELT: Yes.

GUNS: 1 - 4" BL. Aft

AMMUNITION: 36 HE Shells

SMALL ARMS: None

AMMUNITION: None

GUN CREWS: 7 men of crew including 2 seamen gunners.

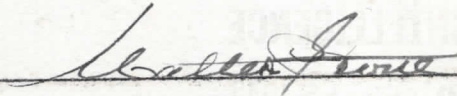
MAGAZINE: Aft in poop.

FIRE CONTROL AND COM- Directed from gun deck
MUNICATION EQUIPMENT: by telephone from bridge.REMARKS: 8 smoke floats
8 igniters.

NUMBER GAS MASKS ON BOARD: 10

AMOUNT GAS PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ON BOARD: None.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the above-mentioned armament
 is carried for defensive (~~offensive~~) purposes only, provided that this vessel
 is employed in normal trade.


 Assistant Collector